

Dear Sir or Madame,  
I have been subscribing to XM radio since May 2002, and it is much better at meeting my needs for radio. It provides greater selection and variety than corporate owned radio which only allows the music which is most profitable to be played. Since subscribing, I have purchased many CDs which were lost hits, because FM never played these groups since they fell from the charts.

With the addition of instant traffic and weather this past March, I now have access to information that I really never had on broadcast radio. When traffic was backed up, we would turn to either AM or FM radio stations, but they did not provide traffic reports in upper Bucks County, PA, or by the time they provided the information it was too late. XM radio's traffic is constant and useful, because they cover ALL roadways in Philadelphia and its suburbs. Corporate radio (FM or AM) DO NOT provide a useful service for MUSIC, WEATHER or TRAFFIC! This is the reason I PAY for radio, because the FREE radio is USELESS!! If there service did meet my needs, I would not be paying for radio.

The National Association of Broadcasters should be more concerned in becoming more competitive with XM, and enhance their service instead of using the FCC to bully the newer, smaller and less profitable service. If local weather and traffic is removed from XM, I WILL NOT LISTEN to the useless, untimely information on corporate (FM or AM) radio. I will go back to taking my chances on which route to take to work.

As a registered voter and paying subscriber to XM Radio, I urge you to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 and to support XM's ability to provide the kind of programming that I demand and deserve.

Sincerely,

Richard Sable